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what the impact is going to be to individual school districts. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Schellpeper. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The motion is to cease debate. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Senator Bohlke to close on LB 149.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I think we've had a very good discussion. Again, I do, Senator Quandahl, recognize that we've asked our new senators to take on a great deal. And I appreciate any hesitancy that you may have. And let me commit to all of you that the Education staff and the committee will continue to work to clear up any questions that you may have. You may come to a different decision in the end, but we certainly want to do everything that we can to help you in grasping all of this in a very short amount of time. And again, I thank all of you for what I said in my opening, for your continued patience in this whole area. I hope that the discussion has demonstrated to you the necessity for LB 149. And I believe that the predictability that all of us have been talking about and the improvement of stability are absolutely key. I have told...as we waited last week, I do not want anyone to feel rushed, however, I do feel that I need to caution you on the time line when we do get the printouts. And if you work backwards to the April 1st date, when we need to let schools know, and putting it on the Governor's desk in five days, and the layover and all of that, when that happens we'll get the information to you as soon as we get it on the printouts. But there may be more of a time crunch at that time. But we're doing everything and the department is doing everything they can to get that information done as quickly as possible. Now, when we get those printouts that I've said I would just as soon go ahead, but I don't think that there are very many of you that would join me in going ahead with this bill, there may be, depending on the amount of revenue from the automobiles, there may be surprises to all of you. There may be to each one of us,